

Comment Form

STATE DEPARTMENT

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To whom it may concern: Please do not implement 22CFR Parts 96 and 98. My wife and I adopted a beautiful girl from China in April, 2002. We would not have been able to if 22CFR Parts 96 and 98 were in effect. Our adoption cost us \$31,000 and we could not have done it any cheaper. Our agency did a wonderful job of guiding us through the whole adoption process. Their ethics, training, home studies and thoroughness were excellent. If they didn't possess these attributes and more, foreign countries would do business with them. There are many very good agencies, like ours, that place children in the arms of loving parents...where they belong. I can't imagine our little girl, Natalie, stuck in an orphanage in rural China. I can't imagine not loving her. There are many parents that will not be able to realize the basic, fundamental need of a child to love and dote on if 22CFR Parts 96 and 98 are implemented. Implementing this law will preclude many parents from adopting, leaving the children to languish in an orphanage, unloved. The additional cost to the agencies (and eventually the parents) will force many agencies out of the business leaving only a few agencies to monopolize the adoption process. Many parents won't be able to adopt and the whole adoption process will be turned into a cold, money only business. Please don't implement 22CFR Parts 96 and 98 because it's too detrimental to the people it would affect. Thank you.